



**MORLET**  
*Family Vineyards*

2008

**‘PASSIONNÉMENT’**

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Crafted with the passionate, uncompromised, and ongoing pursuit of quality, this judicious blend comes from the finest barrels of our manicured vineyards on the Oakville Bench and on the foothills of Knights Valley and St. Helena. As the French say, “Je t’aime, un peu, beaucoup, passionnément!” (I love you, a little, a lot, passionately!) This special wine is dedicated to Jodie Morlet. It is ‘Passionately’ or ‘Passionnément.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Passionnément’
<i>Name meaning</i>	Passionately Named in honor of Jodie Morlet
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Cuvée selection
<i>Appellation</i>	Oakville, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Select barrels showcasing the synergy among an Oakville Bench vineyard (2007-2016 vintages) Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Estate Vineyard (2017 vintage on) and the Morlet Family ‘Morlet Estate’ & ‘Mon Chevalier’ Estate Vineyards
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<i>Harvest date</i>	September-October 2008
<i>Picking</i>	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck
<i>Sorting</i>	Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™
<i>Fermentation</i>	Through native yeast; punch downs in stainless steel tanks & Darnajou French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™
<i>Upbringing</i>	16 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers
<i>Bottling</i>	Unfined, unfiltered
<i>Ideal cellaring</i>	5 to 10 years after harvest date
<i>Arc of aging</i>	30+ years
<i>Serving</i>	61-64°F (16-18°C); Decant 1 hour prior to serving

**TASTING NOTES**

“I was blown away by the 2008 ‘Passionnément.’ Black fruits, licorice, black olives, and meaty notes give way to a rich, powerful Cabernet Sauvignon that has a great mid-palate, full body, no hard edges, and remarkable purity of fruit.”

97 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2018

“The exquisite 2008 ‘Passionnement’ boasts an opaque purple color along with an extraordinary perfume of graphite, blueberries, blackberries, flowers, and cassis intermixed with hints of white chocolate and toast. The wine possesses terrific concentration, full-bodied power and a stunning, multi-dimensional mouthfeel and finish. This is an exceptional wine from Frenchman Luc Morlet, one of northern California’s most talented wine producers.”

96 points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2010

